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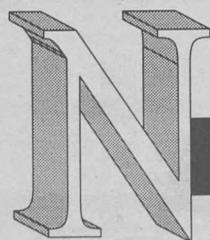
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Are you positive this is an election year?

GW professors debate quality and quantity of coverage

BY BECKY NEILSON
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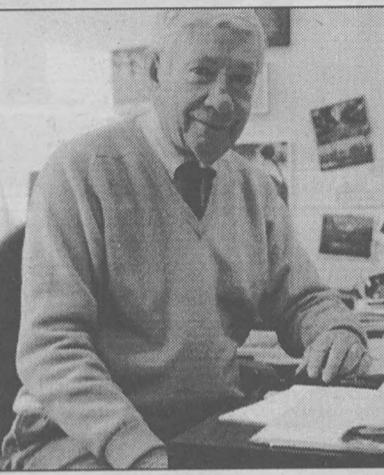
A joke is going around that this doesn't really feel like an election year. The problem is, it isn't funny.

Only a few days remain in the final presidential campaign of the century, and everyone seems bored. Really bored.

And that *ennui* is causing a big problem for journalists, who according to *Time* columnist Margaret Carlson, are being ignored during their quadrennial chance to show off.

Indeed, this year's campaign has presented quite a challenge for the media and has left journalists facing a lot of choices in their coverage of the race.

According to professors in GW's School of Media and Public Affairs, the general air of boredom surrounding the campaign has forced journalists to choose whether they will stick to the issues in their coverage or delve into the character attacks and negative campaigning that has surfaced during the last



Professor Puffenbarger

few weeks of the campaign.

"At the beginning of the campaign, journalists said they weren't going to cover negativity, but then they said the race was too boring," said Janet Steele, a professor of journalism in the SMPA. "It seems very hypocritical - do they want negativity or not?"

Journalists are primarily interested in drama and controversy, said political communication professor Steven Keller. "Negativity fits well with what they want, so that's what they've focused on."

Journalism professor Charles Puffenbarger agreed. "There has definitely been more negativity late in the campaign, but I'm not sure if it's been created by the media or by the candidates."

Steele said a major question of the campaign has centered around what journalists and politicians mean by "negative."

The different definitions of negativity have been a source of confu-

sion. It's a spectrum with outright lies on one end, legitimate points about an opponent's record on the other and a lot of other things in between.

Steele said that at the beginning of the campaign, journalists could not stop complaining about all of the negativity in previous years, and they kept pointing out that the public was tired of it. But then the race got boring and they decided that Bob Dole needed to go on the attack.

Writing recently in *The Washington Post*, media reporter Howard Kurtz quoted Democratic pollster Peter Hart's similar view.

"The media have been goading Dole to do something in the area of character," Hart said. "They goad you into doing something and then say, 'Isn't that awful?'"

Keller, Puffenbarger and Steele each noted that coverage of the issues has been especially interesting during this year's campaign.

Puffenbarger said the media has contributed in part to the dullness of the race. He said the media has been covering the issues, not going into personalities and scandals. Journalists have held back some this year after the criticism of their coverage of Gennifer Flowers, the marijuana issue and other such scandals in the 1992 campaign.

Puffenbarger added that he knows of cases in which the media has failed to report stories that would have become scandals because the public is so critical of that kind of coverage.

Keller, who teaches a course in political oratory, disagreed. "The horse-race coverage has been more prominent than ever before."

"Instead of being a forum for issue discussion, the debates have been treated as a face-to-face opportunity to talk about the horse race."

After the debates the question is not, 'Who said what?' but 'How did he do? Will he get enough attention to catch up or pass?'

Keller added that the debates have been subverted by the media into another opportunity for image comparison, rather than meaningful discussion.

Steele took a different view, explaining that the voting public continually says the candidates do

not talk about the issues, but they ignore the media's coverage of the issues.

"Everyone complains about there being no talk about the issues, but if you open *The Post*, there is plenty of information about what each candidate says about the issues. It seems that we as citizens just aren't interested," she said.

The professors noted that less coverage has been given to third party candidate Ross Perot than in 1992.

"Perot is no longer new, novel or fresh," Keller said. "He is regarded as a crank, an irritant. He's old news."

The growing sense of boredom in the final days of the

campaign has left many journalists asking what they can do to liven things up.

But others have simply given up, like NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw, who recently began his nightly coverage of the campaign by saying, "Wake me when it's over."



Professor Steele

GSPM grades the campaigns

Dole error-prone, according to political management professors

BY MATT BERGER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

With foreign money and vote-gathering efforts for large states, the 1996 Presidential Election has been a political consultant's dream.

Throughout the race, academics at GW's Graduate School of Political Management have closely examined the candidates and their strategies.

Dennis W. Johnson, associate dean of the GSPM, said message discipline has helped President Clinton.

"They are sticking to their message and hammering it home," he said.

GW political management professors feel Dole's efforts in California and attempt to court Perot were mistakes.



Claire Duggan
Photo Editor

Professor Michael Cornfield said the Democrats "look better than they have looked in 20 years."

However, he said the Clinton camp did not have a clear agenda. "They are campaigning as the least objectionable alternative to the Republican extremists who shut down the government," he said.

The money the Democrats allegedly received from Indonesian businessmen will not play a role in voting, according to the GSPM educators.

"History shows that scandals have had a small effect on elections," Cornfield said, citing the public's knowledge of Watergate and Iran-Contra when incumbent presidents or vice presidents were elected. "But the problem is not going to go away."

"I think the most likely effect will be a lengthy, drawn-out Congressional investigation," Johnson said.

When asked what the Republicans are doing correctly, Cornfield became speechless.

"They nominated the wrong man," he said. "Even if they were running the perfect campaign, the Republicans faced long odds. Incumbents usually fare well when there is no war and no huge economic downturn."

As for two of the GOP's recent moves, the analysts had nothing to offer but thumbs down.

"California is a desperate ploy," Johnson said of Republican candidate Bob Dole's strategy to campaign heavily in the largest electorate state. "Republicans will look back on it and realize they risked it all and lost."

"It's unclear whether he's doing it for his own or because the Republican Committee has asked him to preserve key congressional seats," Cornfield said. "Dole is the sort of man who would do those things for the party."



Dave Fintzen/Photo Editor

GW professors feel Clinton's main weakness is that he does not have a clear agenda.

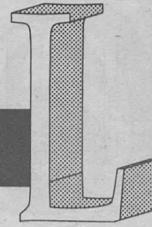
Both predicted Dole will lose California, but Cornfield said the California Civil Rights Initiative, which restricts affirmative action, would pass as a result of his efforts.

Dole's attempt to sway Reform Candidate Ross Perot to support him also backfired in the analysts' view.

"The clumsy attempt to get Perot out of it was an indication of how much he'd like those votes," Johnson said. "It was a sign of desperation."

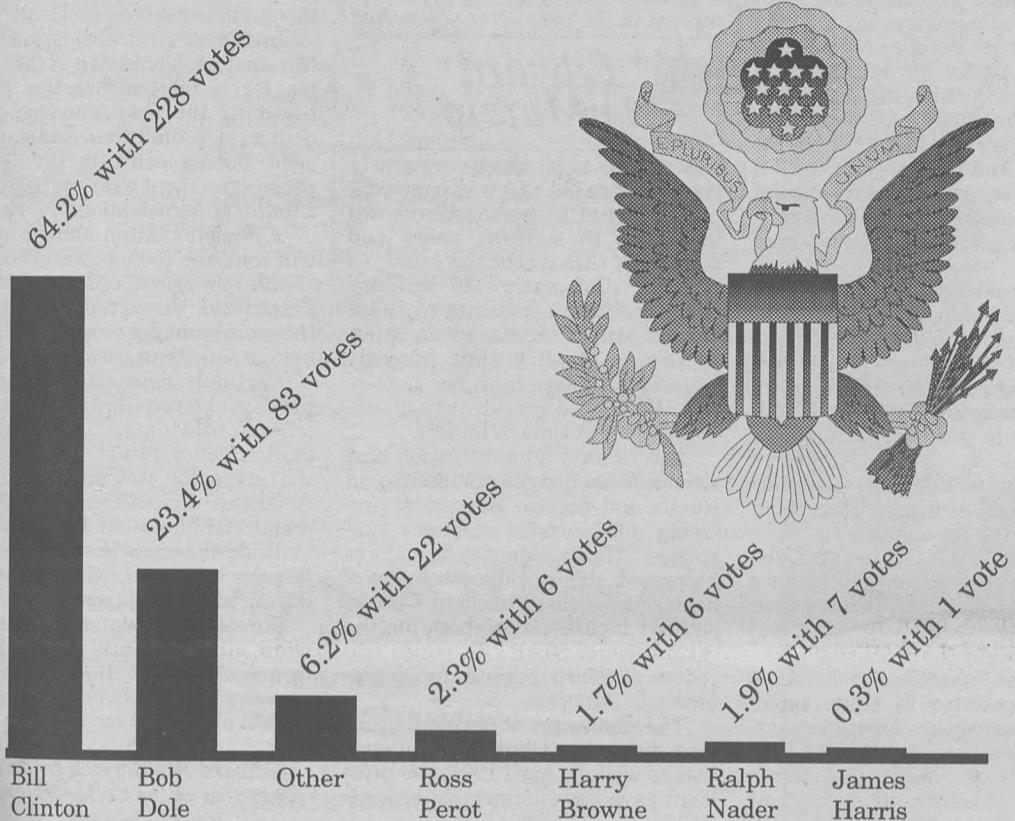
As for predictions, Cornfield summed up the presidential race. "I think that Bill Clinton has a better chance of being impeached than losing to Bob Dole."

Johnson said the Republicans will keep the House of Representatives, while Cornfield felt it will go Democratic. But both agreed the battle will be close. The pair agreed that the Senate would stay Republican, but by a smaller margin.

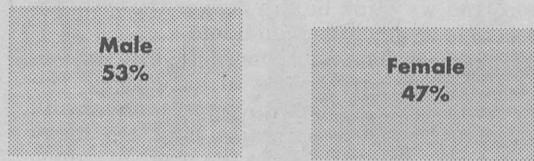


The Results of The GW Hatchet's 1996 Presidential Election Poll

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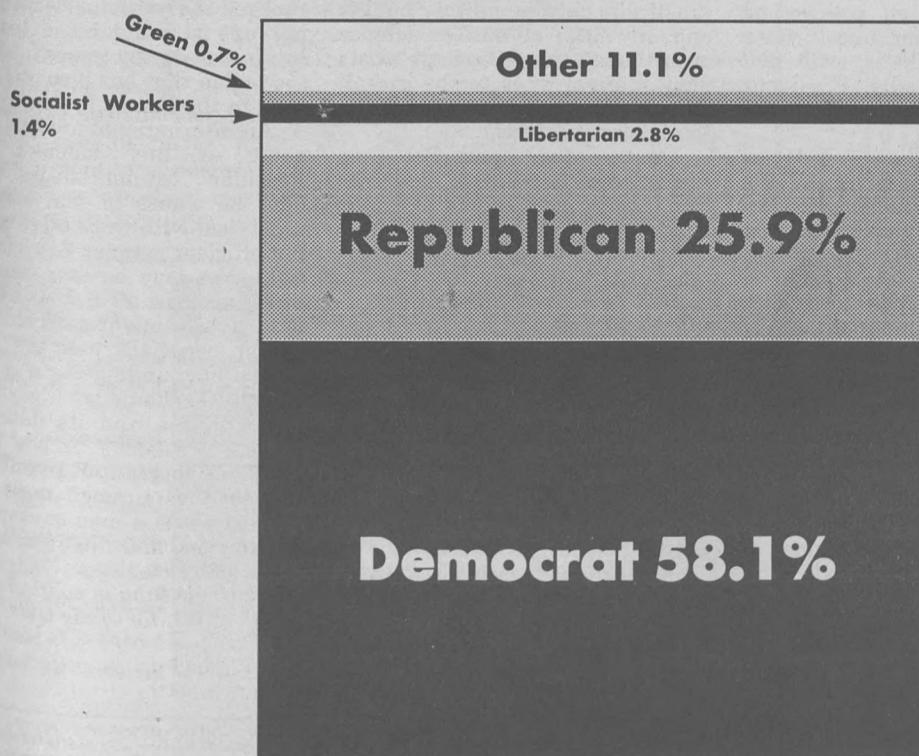
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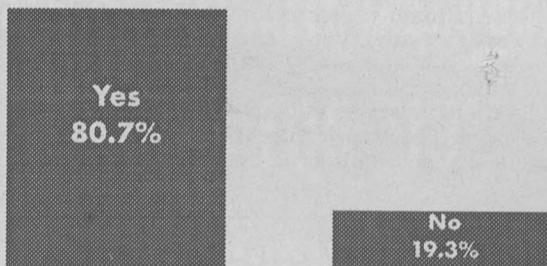
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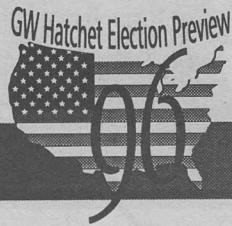
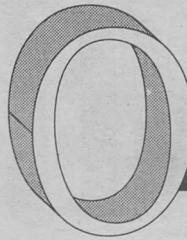
Which party best represents your views?



Do you plan on voting in this election?



The GW Hatchet conducted a poll of more than 350 students across campus Oct. 28. Respondents were asked to answer questions regarding their political views and whether they intend to vote Nov. 5. The margin of error for the poll is +/- 5.1 percent.



Re-elect the President

Four years ago, we really liked Bill Clinton. He brought a fresh, new edge to the nation's politics and promised real change. But now, four years and numerous quasi-scandals later, we're a little more reluctant to endorse our sitting President.

We'll do it anyway, however, because President Clinton is simply the least poor choice in a weak field of candidates.

Clinton is often too easily swayed on issues. When it comes to welfare reform or gay rights, the President has shown he can't be counted on to take a firm stand.

But hopefully, this wishy-washy Clinton will disappear after the threat of being voted from office is gone. We're hoping for good things from a second-term Clinton, and we think he can deliver those things better than Republican Bob Dole or any other candidate.

Dole's legislative career has been long and honorable. But the former Senate leader hasn't offered any new ideas in his run for The White House. No one believes he can cut taxes 15 percent and shrink the deficit without touching entitlement programs. And too many times, Dole's statements show he's simply living in the past.

The President also displays a better sense of social responsibility than Dole and his GOP counterparts. Those who opposed the Newt Gingrich revolution tarred Dole as a merciless cutter of school lunches and student loans. Whether it's true or not, the damage is done, and people don't want a candidate who can't show mercy for the neediest Americans.

Clinton just looks better as a candidate. Age is an undeniable factor here, and Dole, after all, would be the oldest president ever inaugurated. And while some people may question the President's ethics, he somehow still manages to squeeze out from under the scandal and come across as a likable guy to a majority of Americans.

We endorse Clinton with caution. We think he has the potential to do great things in his second term, but he's got to lose the urge to please everyone and start standing up for himself. If he does, he's the best choice this nation has to lead us to the turn of the century.

Moderation is the key

If Bill Clinton is re-elected Tuesday, as he most likely will be, he'll probably bring a number of Democratic senators and House members into office on his coattails. This could mean that Congress will fall back into the Democrats' control – but it should not mean an excuse for the party's far-left wing to go crazy rolling back everything the 104th Congress did.

Some of the things the GOP Congress did or attempted to do were extreme. But its general goals – balancing the budget and exercising fiscal restraint – were admirable. Liberal Democrats need to keep this in mind if they win back Congress, as they prepare to exercise their agenda.

The Republican changes to welfare, for example, might need to be tinkered with. Some of the provisions put children in danger of being without financial support. But the general idea – that people should use welfare as temporary help while they get on their feet and find work – is something almost everyone supports. The Democrats cannot simply roll back all the changes, leaving us where we started – with a welfare system that doesn't work.

Of course, there are other issues on which the GOP Congress was simply far too radical – the environment, for example. The Republicans seem to believe we can't really do anything to harm the earth, so why not roll back clean air and water standards? A Democratic Congress could protect us from these dangers.

But in general, moderation must be Congress' motto, no matter which party ends up in control. The American people do not want radicalism. They want sensible change and reform, and both parties must be prepared to offer it.

Clinton is a powerful leader

The world has benefitted from a strong foreign policy

Republicans charge that President Clinton's foreign policy has been unclear and unfocused. Bob Dole has characterized Clinton's accomplishments as "photo-op" foreign policy.

Bill Clinton's foreign policy has, at times, been unclear and unfocused. This is partly because the president does not have the Cold War model of foreign policy to guide him. Partly it's because of inexperience. And partly it's because of a lack of quick decision-making.

But President Clinton has improved over the four years of his first term. And he has established a record of surprisingly substantial successes, given his lack of experience in foreign policy when he came into office.

The President's record is one of strong leadership on a variety of fronts. President Clinton understands that the primary foreign policy challenge for the 21st century comes in securing American's leadership role in the new world economy.

Clinton's foreign policy leadership has been dedicated to securing positive trade agreements throughout the world. The Clinton administration has secured new markets for American goods, creating more than a million new high-wage jobs, and attacked unfair trade policies.

In Japan, the Clinton administration negotiated 21 trade agreements, opening up Japanese markets to increased amounts of U.S. exports. Back home, the North American Free Trade Agreement

(NAFTA), supported by a bipartisan coalition under Clinton's leadership, opened the markets of Canada and Mexico to American goods.

As a result, U.S. exports to Japan have risen 35 percent since 1992, reaching a record \$64 billion in 1995, and U.S. manufacturing firms have increased their share of Japanese markets by more than 20 percent in the past three years. And

Edward DiMarzio

U.S. exports to Mexico have risen 11 percent since NAFTA was enacted.

President Clinton has also shown leadership in securing peace and democracy throughout the world.

Swift diplomatic and military efforts restored democracy to Haiti. The success of the American intervention is obvious: Haiti recently transferred power from one democratically elected president to another for the first time in history.

The Clinton administration also strengthened fledgling democracy in Russia and eastern Europe by providing much-needed economic support. The president's efforts have decreased the world's stockpile of nuclear weapons. President Clinton secured bipartisan support for the ratification of START II, which will reduce nuclear stockpiles by 25 percent.

The challenge of terrorism has been met by the Clinton administration as well. In April 1996, the president gave law enforcement officials

tough new tools by signing the toughest anti-terrorism legislation to date.

In the Middle East, the United States has been a leader in the fight for lasting peace. The Israel-Jordan peace treaty is just one example. A written agreement between Israel and Syria to end Hezbollah attacks on Israel was also negotiated under the guidance of the president.

In Northern Ireland, President Clinton took a bold step in the struggle for a real and lasting peace, becoming the first American president to visit that area. And war-ravaged Bosnia came to the Dayton peace agreement with the help of the Clinton administration.

A second Clinton administration will continue to meet the challenges of the new world order: preserving peace and democracy throughout the world and opening up new markets to American goods.

Certainly, more could be done. In his second term, Clinton must create an even bolder vision for American foreign policy future if he is to set the stage for the next century of American diplomacy. And his new found confidence in his diplomatic abilities increase the chances that Clinton will take bolder initiatives during his second term.

President Clinton has moved forward, albeit cautiously at times. But in a world where there are no easy answers and no obvious solutions, hasn't always been such an easy task.

—Edward DiMarzio, a freshman, a member of the College Democratic

Dole will set realistic goals

The president has failed American interests world wide

To most Americans, domestic issues outweigh foreign policy when deciding whom to vote for. Therefore, the public gives the President a great amount of leeway on the foreign policies he wishes to implement. In return we expect sound, realistic, swift and honest action. Sadly, President Clinton has not held his part of the bargain.

The world we live in today is vastly changing, ever in need of a quick decision and strong leadership. Next Tuesday you, the voter, have a choice between two different foreign policy philosophies.

On one side, you have Bill Clinton and his belief that the vast majority of problems in the "hot" spots of the world should be handled through the United Nations. Bill Clinton would make a great cop because he loves getting involved in policing actions, such as Haiti, Somalia and Bosnia, where the military is asked to perform duties it was not trained to do. It seems as though CNN is his national security advisor. Along the way, he has transformed the military into a peacekeeping and peace-making unit, a situation the

military is not too happy about.

Clinton follows the policy known as "wait and see," many times hoping the situation will take care of itself. He has also drastically cut the military budget and any form of missile defense even though the technology exists at a minimal price to the overall defense budget (two percent of the total defense budget).

On the other hand, Bob Dole knows what it takes to be a true commander in chief of the armed

Jonathan Riba



forces. He bravely fought for our wonderful country when he was called to arms, and in the process left part of himself on the battlefield. Dole believes it is essential that he determines when and where the U.S. troops are deployed. Dole also holds the belief that the United States cannot fight all of Europe's wars.

Bob Dole is not only a military man, but also an honest man. He will set realistic goals. Unlike President Clinton, who believes that generations upon generations

of ethnic unrest can be erased with one year of American involvement in Bosnia, Bob Dole realizes the futility of it. Unfortunately, it looks as though President Clinton realized that with an election coming up, it would be in his best interest to deploy troops to an ethnic region that has plenty of votes back in the United States.

An international problem could arise at any moment. The President cannot choose which ones he wants to deal with. He must deal with them all in a swift but efficient manner. Although the Cold War may be over, potential problems exist all around. A resurgent Russia might soon become a threat, especially with the uncertainty surrounding Boris Yeltsin's health. Or should we worry about North Korea and its desire for nuclear weapons? Or how about good old Saddam Hussein? Who will lead us through these challenges? He is a man of character, of expertise and finally, of action. He is Bob Dole.

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Campaigns open doors for students

GW interns motivated by candidates, experience

BY JAMIE HARRIS
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

For those who came to GW to experience the political atmosphere of Washington, the possibilities this year have been endless.

Students with experience in politics, as well as those without, were invited into the political world of campaigns, and many learned great lessons.

From Congressional and Senatorial campaigns up to the Presidential campaigns, student involvement has been abundant. Involvement spans anything from a volunteer job passing out flyers to working full-time in a professional political atmosphere.

Senior Jeff Carroll is working on Democratic Rep. Bob Torricelli's (N.J.) campaign to take former Democratic Sen. Bill Bradley's seat in the U.S. Senate. Carroll has had some experience in politics, working for several years in a congressional office before he decided to work for the campaign. He mainly does research on Torricelli's opponent to find out about contributions accepted.

"We pledged to keep the campaign clean at the onset, but the opponent played dirty so we had to get in the mud with him," Carroll said.

Junior Brian Donahue agreed with Carroll that working on a campaign is good experience and a great way to see "how it really works." Donahue is working in Jack Kemp's office putting together briefing books, dealing with schedule distribution and doing other administrative work. He puts in eight to nine hours a day at the office, spending most of his non-class time there.

"I think it provides me with the opportunity to see how campaigns really work, the kind of hands-on experience you don't get in the classroom," Donahue said.

Many opportunities are out there for students wishing to give just a few hours a week to a campaign. Sophomore Rebecca Sloviter found an internship at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee while at the College Democrats' Internship Fair. She puts together pamphlets and brochures for congressional campaigns.

"You don't realize how much work goes into these campaigns until you are the one spending all day on something like a pamphlet or brochure," Sloviter said. "It is a great experience, and it's interesting to see all that goes on behind the scenes."

Others who wish to get more involved find ways of making a full-time job out of an internship. GW College Republicans President Tony Sayegh decided to take only a partial course load this semester to take advantage of an opportunity to serve as a press aide in Kemp's office.

He was unexpectedly offered this job when he was at the Republican Convention. "I went to the convention for fun, with no idea what I was getting into. Before I realized it, I was part of the campaign," Sayegh said.

He puts in 60-70 hours a week and has had personal interaction with Kemp on a regular basis. Sayegh said "contact-building is the best part of the job," and the experience has exceeded his expectations.

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-Tony Sayegh

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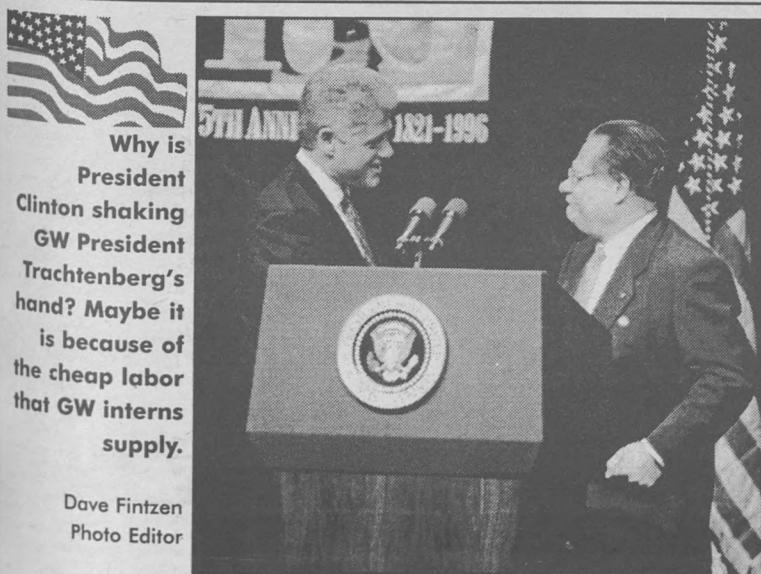
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Dave Fintzen
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The candidates

President Clinton on the issues

Education:

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"Higher standards, greater choice and a new focus on literacy are crucial to preparing our children for the 21st century, and we can accomplish all three within my balanced budget plan – giving our children a world-class education while shrinking, not expanding, the size and spending of our government."

—President Clinton

- Signed the Student Loan Reform Act, which allowed students to borrow directly from the government instead of from banks and increased repayment options.
- Signed the National Service Act in September 1993. The program created national service jobs where young people could earn money for college.
- Proposed a \$1,500 per year tax credit to help pay for two years of college.
- Proposed an "America Reads" challenge to ensure that every child in America can read independently by the end of the third grade. Wants to create 1 million community volunteer tutors.

Economy:

- The President's policies have cut the deficit by more than half, and the growing economy has created 10.5 million new jobs. The nation has the lowest combined rate of unemployment, inflation and mortgage rates since 1968.
- Expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit to provide tax relief for 40 million working Americans.
- Signed the Family and Medical Leave Act so workers do not have to choose between work and the health of their families.
- Fought for and signed the first increase in the minimum wage in five years.

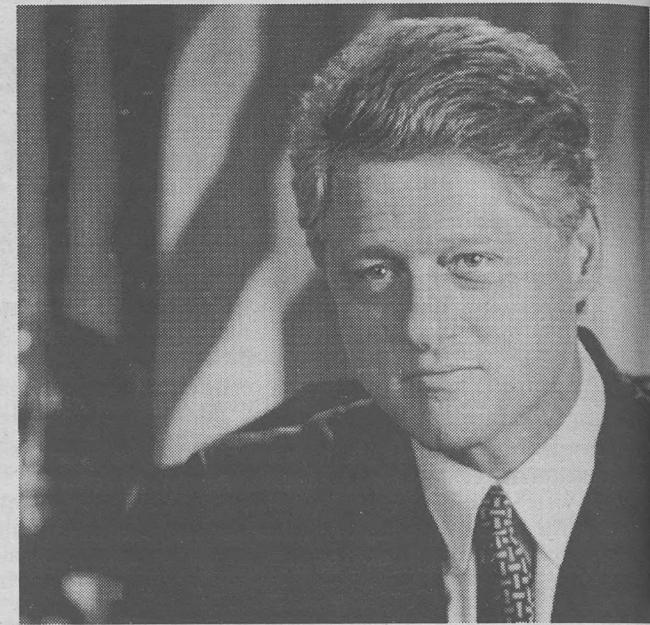
Crime:

- Pushed for and passed \$30 million crime bill that plans to put 100,000 more cops on the street by the year 2000, and mandated life imprisonment for those convicted of three violent crimes ("three strikes and you're out").
- Expanded the death penalty to cover terrorism, large-scale drug trafficking and the murder of federal law enforcement officers.
- Signed the assault weapons ban that banned 19 types of assault weapons for 10 years.
- Endorsed a victim's rights amendment to the Constitution, which said victims should be allowed to participate in judicial proceedings related to the crime and should have the right to submit statements regarding bail and sentencing.

"We need to make sure that every American can be a winner in this time of economic change, to make sure that every American has access to education and training, and good health care and secure pensions. And we absolutely have to get wages rising again in our country. We have to do that for working people and working families."

—President Clinton

—All information from candidate's web page, www.clintongore96.org.



Perot on the issues

Education:

"If we want our children to be competitive, we must have the finest public schools in the world. This will have to come from the American people. We must restore local control over our schools, make schools places of learning, not places of play, and create small neighborhood schools near the child's home, especially in the primary grades."

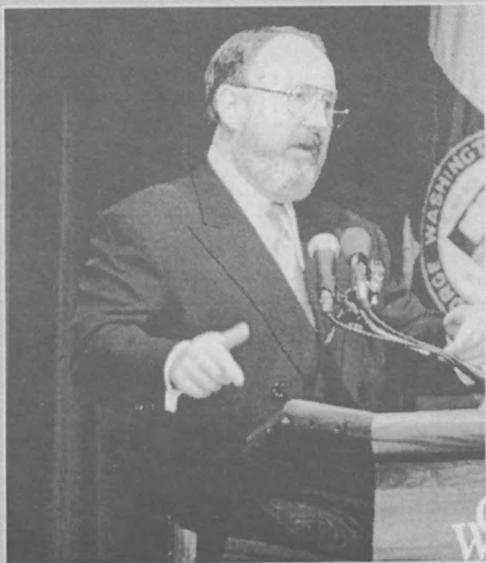
— Ross Perot

- Make vocational and technical schools part of our education system.
- Proposes analyzing pilot school voucher programs to determine whether they should be instituted at a national level.
- Restore local control over schools, arguing that the Department of Education has poorly spent \$456 billion during the past 36 years.

Economy:

- Proposes passage of a balanced budget amendment.
- Proposes requirement that any future tax increases under the new system be approved by the people in the next federal election, in order to impose discipline on spending.

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Education:

"Even though states and communities provide the vast majority of money to fund our schools, the federal government has used its powers to take away local and state control of education by steadily introducing federal programs, rules and requirements. Just imagine how much good could be accomplished in your schools with the money that now pays for bureaucrats in Washington."

—Bob Dole

- Proposed the creation of penalty-free IRA withdrawals for higher education, ending the tax code's hostility to parents' attempts at saving for college.
- Proposed creation of education investment accounts. Money can be deposited into these accounts and saved tax-free, up to a limit of \$500 per child each year, provided the funds are left in the account for at least five years.
- Proposed restoration of the interest deduction for student loans. Low- and middle-income individuals who are paying off student loans will be able to deduct the interest paid on qualified student loans for five years.
- Proposes eliminating the Department of Education, arguing money could be better spent on locally-controlled programs than Washington bureaucracy.

Economy:

- Supports a balanced budget amendment and a balanced budget by the year 2002.
- Proposed a 15 percent across the board income tax cut, and would cut the capital gains tax from 28 percent to 14 percent.
- Supports regulatory and lawsuit reform to ease burdens on small business.
- Promised to "end the Internal Revenue Service as we know it."

Crime:

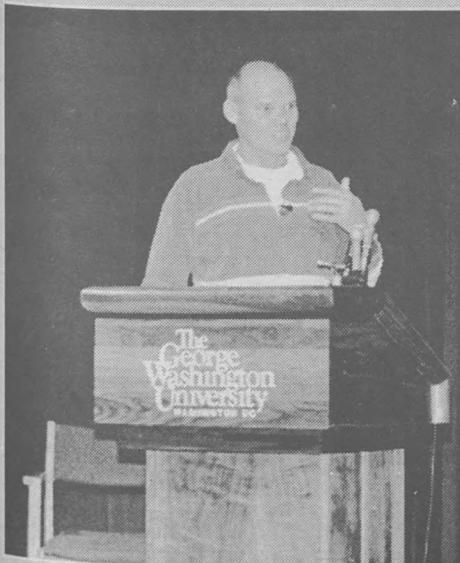
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- Double the level of actual federal funding for state prison construction.
- Establish a national instant check system to keep criminals and others from purchasing firearms.

"Values count, not just in our lives, but in our society. The economy will never be strong enough to transform a neighborhood where 80 percent of children lack a father, and legitimate jobs are dismissed as chump change. Love of God and country and family. Commitment to honesty, decency and personal responsibility. Self-reliance tempered by a sense of community. Those values made us the greatest country on earth."

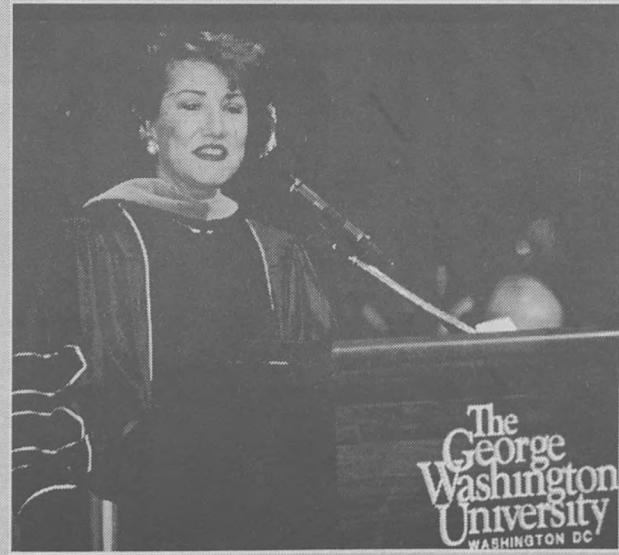
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GW professor learns the mud flies in Maryland

Eastaugh faces off against Gilchrest in hotly contested race

BY ANNE MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Maryland's first Congressional district begins at the ocean's edge. It meanders east through sorghum fields and chicken farms to cross Chesapeake Bay, ending in the formerly industrial suburbs of Baltimore.

The congressman who is elected Nov. 5 will represent this area of diverse interests, which includes the headquarters of poultry conglomerate Perdue, the Ocean City resort area, Chesapeake watermen and urbanites who reside in the outskirts of what was once one of the nation's cities with the bluest collars and is now a thriving metropolis.

Dr. Steven R. Eastaugh, GW School of Business and Public Management and medical school professor, threw himself into the midst of this dichotomous political area when he announced his Democratic bid to unseat Republican incumbent Wayne T. Gilchrest.

Eastaugh teaches second year graduate school and fourth year medical students at GW. He is also an author and graduate of the Johns Hopkins and Harvard universities.

Running to make the country better

"I decided to run because I didn't like the course we were on, because their priorities are all wrong in the Republican Congress," the life-long Democrat said.

"I want to make America a better place ... I can do that by taking a risk, and running for Congress is taking a risk."

The first district campaign has been an often accusatory one, courtesy of both the local press and the candidates themselves.

Maryland is a historically Democratic state. Both of its U.S. senators are Democrats — Barbara Mikulski, the junior senator, has been in office nine years, while Paul Sarbanes, the state's senior legislator has served 19. Approximately 40 percent of the voters live in Anne Arundel county, but the nine Eastern Shore counties hold much sway in the district, and often vote Republican.

Many think Eastaugh's chances of capturing a congressional seat are slim. A poll conducted by Salisbury State University students covering the shore counties of Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset predicted Gilchrest winning by a 50 percent margin. Local media are also somewhat skeptical of Eastaugh's chances. Sean O'Sullivan, a reporter for the Salisbury Daily Times, said "the only way an incumbent loses is if he makes a mistake."

The professor dismissed such notions with self-assurance.

"I am very confident because we have groups supporting us that don't normally support Democrats," Eastaugh said. Watermen, whose lifestyle depends on the fish, crab and oysters of the Chesapeake, and Perdue workers, concerned about recent layoffs, are among the traditionally conservative and Republican voting blocks Eastaugh cited.

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"The second reason we know we're going to win is because you need to listen in order to lead," Eastaugh said. "My opponent is the stealth congressman. He has never sent out a newsletter" to his constituents, as many congressmen do.

Gilchrest's office, however, said the Congressman mails a message to his constituents once a term.

"The problem is that Mr. Eastaugh has not lived here even long enough to have gotten a newsletter," said Tony Caligiuri, a campaign spokesman for Gilchrest.

As for the local poll, "SSU did one to show why amateurs shouldn't do polls. Amateurs conducting a poll and having it run in the newspaper is unprofessional" of the newspaper, Eastaugh said.

Eastaugh said Gilchrest has been absent from nine of the 12 debates the candidates agreed to in writing. "Mr. Gilchrest is done listening. In the Crofton Country Club I debated a physically empty

chair. You don't get the confidence of the voters if you don't show up."

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black and brown bags, both with papers straining the seems. The campaign bag is noticeably larger.

"Have to keep everything separate and legal," he joked.

The "incremental program" platform

"I'd rather do incremental programs that work rather than go for some big massive program like the Clinton health plan, which was a failure," he said.

"I had student loans, and they were a ladder up for me," he said about education. "Republican Congressman Gilchrest voted to slash student loans \$10 billion. Nineteen times out of 19 he voted to cut education.

"The environmental stewardship," as Eastaugh called his ideas to protect area waters, revolves around "a clean bay. I was one of the original sponsors of Earth Day in '78 while I was in college," he said. He hopes to further his earlier efforts while in office, including

"requiring corporations to meet their environmental responsibilities," according to a statement.

"If (Gilchrest) supports those three men — (Speaker Newt) Gingrich, (Former Sen. Robert) Dole and (Don) Young (chairman of the House resources committee) — then how can he be a friend of the environment?"

Caligiuri refuted both these remarks, citing Gilchrest's record of not voting for education cuts and his campaign endorsements from the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters.

Eastaugh also promotes "affordable healthcare. I am totally against the \$270 billion cut suggested by Congress. My mother

has cancer and she's on Medicare."

He supports a "kids-only" insurance policy that, funded half by the federal government and half by parents, would provide healthcare coverage for children under 13.

At work and at home

Eastaugh was born on the bay side of the Eastern Shore. His father was a waterman whose boats are backdrops for his son's commercials.

Eastaugh bounced from school to school as a child, public to private and public again, until he left for college. Local papers have found the source of his elementary and high school education, and therefore his background, cause for concern, since he cannot recall the exact chronology and names of the schools he attended, casting doubt on the validity of his entire background.

"He hasn't been able to say where he went to school or anything. I assume he's trying to remember," Caligiuri said. The candidate showed disdain for such concerns. "I've spent 54 percent of my life on the Shore," he said.

Three and a half years ago, he bought his house in picturesque Berlin, Md. The Eastaugh residence is the last house on the right on the road to Assateague Island, home to a national state park and the sole herd of wild horses east of the Rocky Mountains. He professed his love of the area while boasting of the hundreds of deer and horses that roam his yard and the lands beyond.

"You can see the sun rise right over the Atlantic," he said, asking how many others can say the same about their homes.

"When I win this race on Nov. 5, I would not move to D.C.," he said, although "I would stop teaching. I would be a full-time congressman."

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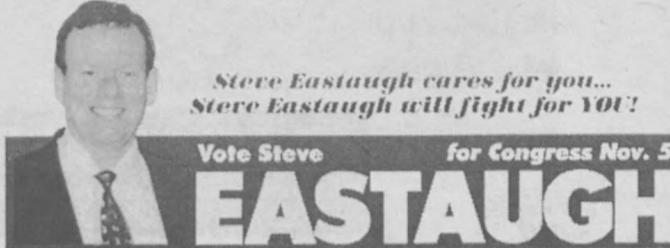
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War of the Warners

GW alumnus takes on Senate veteran in Va.

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GW students should be particularly interested in this year's Virginia Senate race. Not only is Democratic candidate Mark Warner a GW alumnus, but he also is a member of the University's Board of Trustees.

Twenty years ago, Mark Warner was just one of many undergraduates at GW. Now, he is facing an opponent with the same last name — three-term incumbent Republican John Warner — in November. The two Warners are not related.

Warner, graduated from GW in 1977 with a degree in political science.

"I always voted against any tuition increases," he said of his role on the Board of Trustees.

Warner applied to GW in 1973 after determining that American University was "too far out" and Georgetown University was "a little on the snotty side."

"I lived in a townhouse on G Street and partied at the Red Lion," Warner said in an appearance at GW earlier this month.

The race of the Warners has been exceptionally well-financed. It is estimated that Mark Warner has spent more than \$6 million on television advertisements since the race began, attacking the elder Warner's Senate record. According to the most recent polls, the 69-year-old Warner still has a double-digit lead over his younger competitor, The Washington Post reported.

Two issues have shaken up this campaign. One factor dragging down Mark Warner's campaign is Virginia voters' sense of obligation to vote for John Warner, since he opposed the 1994 Senate bid of Oliver North. Sen. Warner stood apart from his state party on principle, a stand that still resonates with many moderate and even some Democratic voters.

"Tell 'em to send him a thank-you note," Mark Warner told a crowd of supporters Sunday.

The second event to change the race

occurred when John Warner aired a television commercial that featured a photo manipulation in which Mark Warner's head was put on Virginia Democratic Sen. Charles S. Robb's body. John Warner quickly fired the media consultant responsible for the ad.

As the chairman of the Virginia Democratic Party, Mark Warner shepherded the party through tough times after it lost the Attorney General's office, several seats in the state legislature and the Governor's Mansion in 1993 to George Allen.

Warner was active in Virginia Democratic politics for several years before becoming party chairman, serving as campaign manager for former Governor L. Douglas Wilder and also as a managing trustee for the Democratic National Committee since 1992.

Warner, who lives in Alexandria with his wife and three children, graduated from Harvard Law School in 1980 and went on to create a multi-million dollar business in the cellular phone industry.

After founding MRW Enterprises Inc., Warner served as a board member and co-founder of Fleet Call Inc. and as managing partner of Columbia Cellular Corp., an investment banking firm in the cellular mobile communications industry.

Warner's total wealth, including stock, real estate and investments, was estimated between \$97 million and \$269 million. College Democrats see Warner's business success as a selling point for GW students.

"Mark will appeal to more than just Democrats," CD President Doug Miner said. "It will



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Senate candidate Mark Warner is a GW alumnus, and a member of GW's Board of Trustees.

be for all students who want to know how far a GW education can get them. He's a great example of the American dream ... when he came to GW he was not a rich man, but a smart man. And he used his faculties, and now look what he's become."

"He presents GW students with a success story," said CD executive board member Marc Shaller.

The battle of the Warners continues on the Internet as well. To examine Mark Warner's press releases, announcements and campaign news, go to <http://www.markwarner96.org/main/index.html>. To check out Sen. John Warner's Web page, go to www.warner96.com.

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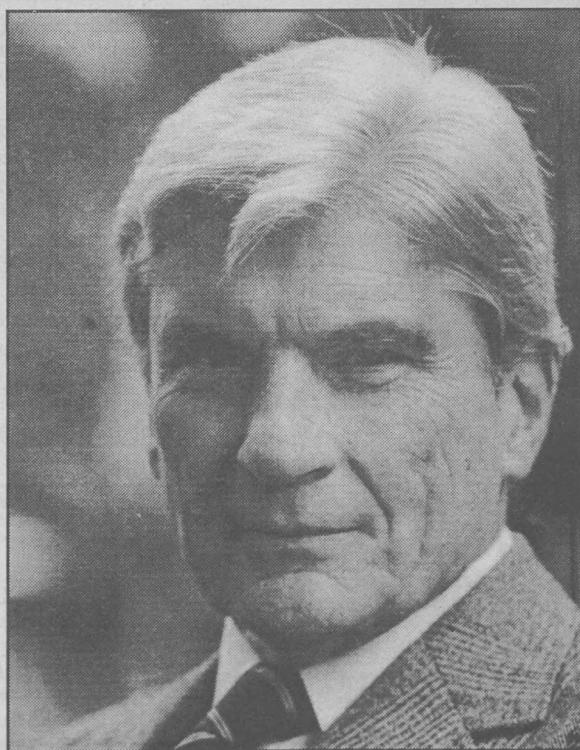
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Sen. John Warner's distinguished record in the Senate has contributed to his double-digit lead in the polls.



Will 1996 be a Goodyear for the ANC?

BY JARED SHER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

No GW student has ever been on the Advisory Neighborhood Commission. In fact, there is not even any indication that anyone from the University has even run for the ANC before.

But junior Sarah Goodyear wants to change all that. She wants to provide GW students with their first voice in the District government agency that is most closely associated with the acrimony that characterizes campus-community relations.

The Columbia Plaza resident thinks she can win, too. But Goodyear's quest to join the ANC will not be easy — her name will not even appear on the District's election ballot. Instead, she is relying on supporters to write her name in, a daunting but manageable task, she said.

To accomplish this, Goodyear and Student Association Vice President for Community Affairs Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar registered students to vote in the District. They estimated that

they have registered about 100 students to vote in D.C., and they added that a number of other students already were registered to vote here. Both predicted that 150 votes likely will be enough to capture the seat.

That portion of the ANC zone includes all of Columbia Plaza, Thurston Hall, Riverside Towers Hall and some other smaller apartment buildings.

Goodyear, a 20-year-old from the sub-

urbs of Philadelphia, said she is sick and tired of the bitter tension she has seen at ANC meetings. She added, however, that she is not running to represent the University.

"I'd be pro-students more than pro-University," she said. "As a student living off campus, I'm able to see both sides of the issues — the students' perspectives as well as the perspectives of the community members."

She first registered to vote in the District when she arrived on campus in the fall of 1994. "There was a table set up and I said, 'I need to register.' If this is where I live, this is where I need to be voting."

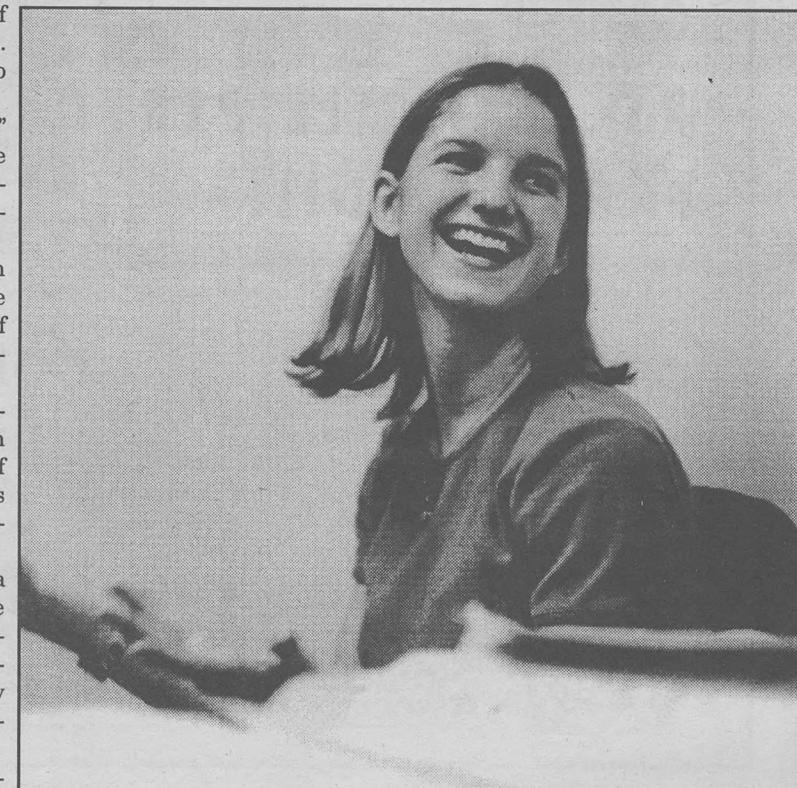
Since then, she has attended meetings of various citizens' groups, including the Foggy Bottom Association, the West End Citizens group and, of course, the ANC. "There's just so much bitterness and tension between the students and the community."

Goodyear said that each month, Columbia Plaza hosts a breakfast for all its residents. "At the beginning of the year, there was a sign in the elevator (inviting people to the breakfast), and someone had written on it 'Students Not Invited.' They don't like us. They don't like us living in the building."

Miller has been a consistently anti-GW commissioner, fighting against such projects as the WETA broadcast facility and the Health and Wellness Center in Foggy Bottom. "I don't believe she ever has any contact with the students," Goodyear said, adding that "we make up a large portion of the residents of Foggy Bottom."

Goodyear said she wants to finally give students a voice in government affairs where they live a good portion of the year. She pledged to vote to protect students' rights when it comes to issues such as parking or development of buildings in the area.

When she decided to run in September, she approached Golparvar because he is the students' liaison with the community. They have been working together so Goodyear could meet



photos by Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

Sarah Goodyear wants to be the first GW student ever to sit on the Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

members of the community and try to convince them to write her in.

Golparvar said community members will vote for Goodyear. "She'll make a positive ... change on the ANC, a fresh face," he said. "She's doing it for the right reasons, to make the ANC run more efficiently."

"The community ... will see what Sarah's all about. Once they see she's looking to make a positive change, yeah (they'll write her in)."



Ward 2 is heaven for Evans if Moffatt can't stop it

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM
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To many political observers, the race for the Ward 2 City Council seat has been a foregone conclusion ever since Democratic incumbent Jack Evans announced he was running for re-election. But at least one man will not let Evans sail to victory unopposed.

Republican Roger Moffatt is going against the odds in his bid to unseat Evans, a man who has been on the City Council since 1991 and enjoys some of the strongest support among his constituents, compared to any other councilmember.

Moffatt is running on a "clean slate" agenda to revamp the City Council and to add a new voice to politics in a city where Democrats outnumber Republican voters by 5 to 1.

"Ward 2 deserves someone who votes and has new ideas for D.C. and Ward 2," Moffatt told The GW Hatchet earlier this year. "The Council walks in lockstep with each other, but if I'm on the Council, I'll be doing a lot of screaming."

It wasn't until this past week that Moffatt's blue and white campaign signs appeared anywhere in the city, but Evans' red posters still dominate signposts from Dupont Circle to Georgetown to Shaw to the southwest waterfront.

Evans and Moffatt, both 42, each have ambitious agendas for the City Council. Evans has said he will make a bid for the mayor's office in 1998, while Moffatt said if elected he would use the post to revamp District government.

Although Evans and local universities have often been at odds, the incumbent continues to make a name for himself in District politics with or without the support of two of his ward's largest employers and landholders.

Evans, a private lawyer, said the power of seniority will work to the advantage of his constituents. If re-elected, Evans said he will most likely chair the District's judiciary or government operation committees. The Judiciary Committee alone has jurisdiction over District police and fire departments, the court system and the Lorton Correctional facility.

Focusing fiscal priorities on public health, public education, public works and public safety is Evans' main priority while still managing to balance the District's books.

"Four more years on the City Council will only improve my ability to do that," Evans said.

Evans said he wants to especially focus on the issues of crime and education.

"People don't feel safe in Georgetown or Anacostia," Evans said, "and the No. 1 reason people my age leave the city is because

the schools stink."

Many question whether Evans will be able to balance all four priorities and still keep the city afloat financially, but Evans contends that public safety, public works and public education only account for one-fifth of the city's budget, and there is room for establishing priorities.

Moffatt, however, wants to go back to the drawing board and totally rethink the way the often-backwards government operates. Moffatt, if elected, said he would seek to abolish the five at large councilmember seats, replace the elected mayor with an appointed city manager and ask Congress to assume more of the city's financial responsibilities.

"Congress should help assume the responsibilities of a state instead of issuing blind mandates," said Moffatt, a procedures analyst with Washington Gas. "But having a

Republican councilman to deal with the Republican Congress would be a step in the right direction."

"It would not be in the best interests of the city or the ward," Evans countered, "to have a Republican on the City Council."

Moffatt takes a more conciliatory approach to dealing with the mounting ten-

sions between city residents and students, while Evans' clout in the city is still considerable and has strong support from the vocal residents of Foggy Bottom and Georgetown.

While Evans is seeking a second full term on the Council, former Councilmember Carol Schwartz, a Republican who ran for mayor against Marion Barry two years ago, and Democratic Ward 6 Councilman Harold Brazil are both seeking empty at large council seats. All three are considered likely candidates for mayor in 1998.

Many have wondered if the vocal competition of Schwartz, Brazil, Evans and Barry would make for rocky days on the Council as each tries to leap ahead of the other on their way to the Mayor's office. However, Evans denied such politics would ever cause a problem.

"Harold Brazil and I have worked closely together, and Carol Schwartz will be a valuable asset on the council," Evans said. "There won't be any kind of rivalry as in the past between Marion Barry, (former Council Chair John) Wilson and (current Chair) David Clarke all trying to step on each other on their way to the top."



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